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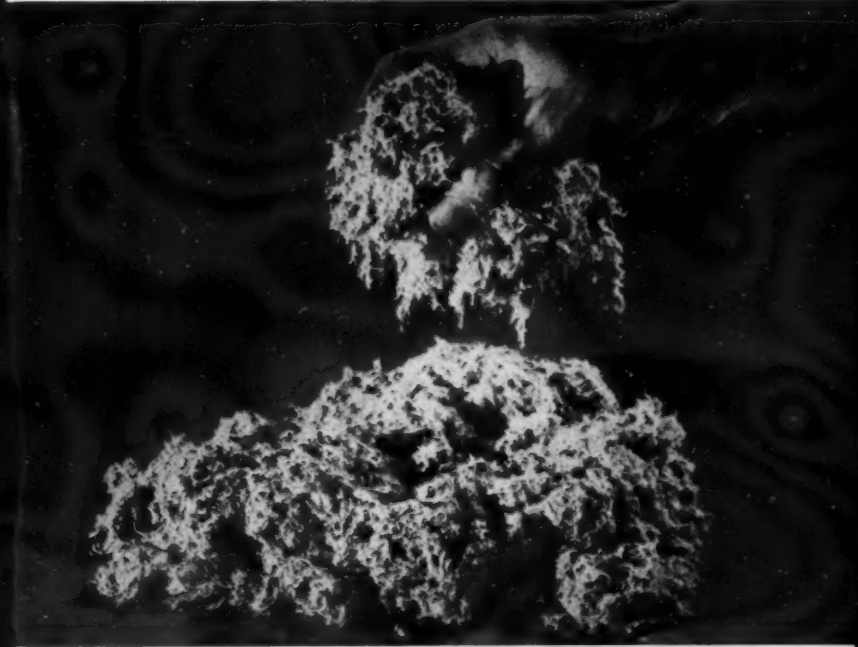

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## MILLING ASBESTOS ORE IN CANADA

*By: W. E. Sinclair, M.I.M.M.*

Trends in world production, according to the Statistical Year Book (1958) of the United Nations, show a remarkable expansion in the volume of manufacturing activities. In the same manner, the production, treatment and processing of the necessary raw materials has also widely expanded. This is readily witnessed in the Canadian asbestos mills where outstanding developments have taken place in mill design and processing, to meet the demand of industry for high quality chrysotile.

It is said that raw materials are subjected to more complicated processes of manufacture, and it might be added also, that Canadian milling, in the production of raw asbestos, bears a similar relationship to the final treatment.

This is understandable when it is remembered that Canadian technique is based on seventy-five years experience in the extraction and processing of chrysotile of the finest quality—a fact recognized by industry everywhere. In recent years, however, the extended application of asbestos in a new and wider field of fabrication has somewhat changed the old precepts. Because of the need for fibre to satisfy more exacting demands in certain spheres, entirely new uses have been found for some grades and particularly short fibres (shorts and Floats, etc.,) that now constitute about 65% of the total output. The outcome of all this has been an intensive overhaul of milling technique, design and operational functions, to ensure a clean, uniform output, from a plant layout that is well balanced and capable of handling increased tonnages continuously and smoothly without let or hindrance.

Canadian mill capacities vary from 1,000 tons to 20,000 tons of ore daily. This range, however, includes the smallest mill (Quebec Asbestos Corporation, 1,000 tons) to the (Jeffrey Mill, 20,000 tons). The average of the remaining nine mills, in the main Quebec field, is about 3,000 tons a day. The average content of the ore is about 5% asbestos but is stepped up to 8% in milling.

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The handling and treatment of material in the order of some 800 tons an hour is in itself an immense undertaking but, in addition, the recovery of every possible grade of fibre, economically, to conform to standard specifications, calls for maximum efficacy. Most mills have developed grading techniques to provide from thirty to seventy-five different grades, ranging from crude (long fibres) down to the shortest mill grades, even to a mill product that is essentially little more than dust or refuse, but which, surprisingly, finds a ready outlet in the manufacture of tiles and other flooring compositions and insulating cement.

In overall mill design, the most revolutionary feature today is the elimination of the dust menace. In this connection, efficient filtration systems remove the dust from the circulating air to produce a worthwhile commercial product, (shorts and floats) and in so doing, provide clean air which can be recirculated or exhausted to atmosphere. An interesting point in this is that the clean air is warm enough, due to the friction and the heat generated in electric motors, to heat the mill atmosphere to a comfortable temperature in cold weather. In modern milling machines, as much as two to three million cubic feet of air per minute is swept through, to deliver the dust to the filters, where an area of up to thirty acres of cloth bags is used to remove the dust. To maintain the necessary pressure of air a number of fans with a capacity of up to 120,000 cub. ft. per minute, are part of the necessary equipment.

In most common characteristics all the mills may be said to follow the basic operations of crushing, drying, screening, fiberizing and pneumatic separation by aspirating the released fibre. This process is accepted theoretically as the most effective means of extracting fibre from its parent rock. Special factors may enter into practical procedure, as for example, the question of the finer technique in the removal of foreign minerals that may be associated with the fibre, such as, magnetite, pierolite, brucite or talc or mica. In some instances, other local factors play a part in unusual mill design. However, flowsheets, as a general rule, vary only in the machines and equipment used, either on account of tonnage capacity or that of machine efficiency in the matter of prevailing ore conditions.

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mainly improved models of older types and their arrangement in the general layout to achieve well balanced, automatic and continuous operations are all part of the ultra-modern and efficient mill design.

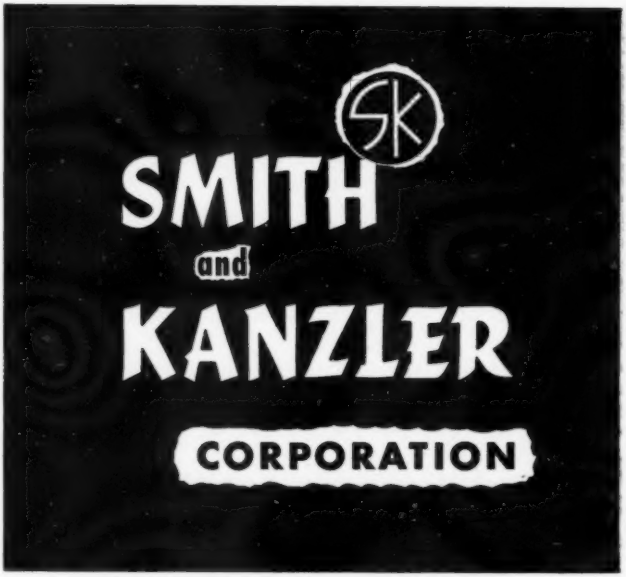
To describe in detail even a few of the Canadian mills would exceed the scope of this article, but reference must be made to the Jeffrey mill at Asbestos, the largest mill in Canada and, in fact, the largest in the world. The layout of this mill is something out of the ordinary since the plant is distributed systematically on different floors in an immense twelve story building. The crushed rock (800 tons hourly) is delivered to the various floors by conveyors and elevators while men and equipment are conveyed by means of lifts.

The top floor comprises the dedusting plant, consisting of bag filters. This is the source of the fine fibre grades (shorts and floats) which, when recovered, are delivered to storage bins on the 6th floor. Cleaned air is either re-circulated or exhausted to atmosphere, according to the temperature in the building.

Crushed ore is delivered to the 11th floor, whence it is fed down to the lower floors for treatment in various circuits. Initial screening to remove fine granular material and dust is carried out on the next floor down, while released fibre is delivered to cyclone collectors. The serious fibre recovery, however, takes place on the 9th floor, where shaker screens are equipped with hoods that pick up the fibre for conveyance to the collectors.

After cleaning, the fibre is conveyed to the 7th floor for grading, after which it is transferred to the 4th floor for mixing, to ensure the production of a uniform product.

At different stages, the flow of the material is subjected to fine crushing, but on the second floor, final fiberization takes place and the fibre distributed to bins for blending. At this stage, automatic sampling is carried out for the control of the quality of the fibre. Finally the asbestos is conveyed by means of screw conveyors to pressure packing hoppers, which in turn, automatically weigh out 100 lb. batches of fibre for delivery to the pressure packing machines. The packing, sealing and stacking or loading to trucks, by means of fork trolleys, is all carried out on the 1st floor.

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An interesting feature of the mill is that the 3rd floor is reserved mainly for "Fibre Development", that is, for testing results of the equipment in use, and for the production of any special grades that may be ordered.

Eleven other producing mills in the Quebec field, are treating some fifty-thousand tons of ore daily. These mills are designed and laid out on much the same principles as the Jeffrey Mill described above. They are naturally on a smaller scale, but with one exception they are all flat layouts. The exception is Johnson's Megantic Mill. This is built into a hillside, thus allowing all movement of material through the mill to be done by gravity, thereby avoiding the use of elevators or conveyors, which constitute a major mechanical effort in flat layouts.

Some brief notes on prevalent milling operations on the remaining mills must serve as an overall picture, to round off this review. These include, the King-Beaver, British Canadian and the Normandie of the Asbestos Corporation, and the Johnson's mines, Bells Asbestos, Flintkote and Nicolet.

The mill capacity ranges from 2,000 (Bell and Flintkote) to 6,000 tons (British Canadian) treated on three shifts on a five day week.

Primary crushing operations (either underground or on the surface) employ jaw crushers, (30″ by 60″ to 49″ by 60″) set to 5″ to 6″. Where hand sorting is carried out to remove high grade crudes and to eliminate barren rock, picking is done on conveyors delivering the crushed rock to secondary crushers.

The latter operation is commonly effected by the use of cone or gyratory crushers, set at 1½″ to 2″ openings. In some mills only the ore from secondary crushing is dried.

Drying is carried out in either tower or rotary type plant. The former are generally coal fired by means of automatic stokers, while rotary heating is effected by the use of fuel oil. In some mills steam plant is used to heat up the oil as this is delivered to storage reservoirs. After drying, the ore is conveyed to storage bins, that may hold anything up to 30,000 tons, depending on the mill capacity.

Milling in each case varies mainly as to the type of plant in use, but general processing follows along pneumatic separation principles, as already mentioned. In one mill

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(Normandie), instead of the use of hammer mills (Torreys, Williams, Jumbos, etc.), for tertiary reduction, a battery of six Aerofall mills are utilized. In another mill, (Johnson's Megantic Mine), third stage crushing is done in four Harding Air-Swept ball mills, 10″ by 48″.

Fiberizers are employed in all mills for the final reduction process and the recovery of the released fibre, throughout the milling operations, follows standard methods. The fibre is picked up from either gyratory or shaker screens and concentration takes place in collectors, from which the asbestos is finally cleaned and graded. The equipment used in these operations varies from common type graders, vertical dusters, sifters and standard screens or classifiers.

Finally the cleaned fibre is delivered to mixing bins and blenders from which it is pressure packed in jute or paper on standard bagging machines and transported to storage or loaded.

Two mills not included in this review are the Munro Mine in Ontario and the Cassiar Mine in British Columbia. Procedure at the former follows closely that at Jeffrey. The Cassiar mill is designed on conventional lines and allows for increased capacity as the ore output is increased from the mining development.

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JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION has entered into an agreement for the cash purchase of *Franklin Plastics, Inc.*, of Franklin, Pennsylvania, manufacturers and distributors of extruded plastic pipe, it was announced by A. R. Fisher, Chairman.

Responsibility for producing and selling the J-M extruded plastic pipe line will be assigned to the Johns-Manville Pipe Division, which also manufactures and markets a broad line of asbestos-cement pipe products.

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Finnish asbestos from Paakkila in the Savo lake district today finds its way, by land and sea, to all corners of the world—to Scandinavia, to Central Europe, to Britain, to the Americas, to Japan . . . Modern industry accepts the Finnish anthophyllite asbestos as raw material for its finest products. Where caustic acids and high temperatures subject material to severe tests, Paakkila asbestos comes to the aid of the scientist and the technician. With experience gained over four decades, we, today's merchants of asbestos, face the future with confidence.

Where pneumatic drills today bore into the asbestos stone and giant excavators bite deep into the rock, there, four thousand years ago, the world's first asbestos merchants started work. Finnish archeologists have revealed this startling prospect of the life of the Stone Age inhabitants with their highly developed technical sense. Archeology has provided the asbestos trade with a historical background rarely found in modern industry.

Archeological studies have shown that as early as 2500 years before recorded time people in Finland knew how to add fine asbestos fibre to the raw material for pottery. The technical significance of this discovery is obvious; in the same way as asbestos is now used to improve the tensile strength (in the armouring of cement products for example) so it was once used to strengthen the sides of lightly fired pottery. When the material had been strengthened, the sides of the vessels could be made thinner, in this way were produced cooking utensils which were not only lighter in weight but in which food could be cooked more quickly. This surprisingly mature technical invention found also a practical adaptation, which commands respect for the economic instincts of those forefathers whom we often regard as very primitive people. Asbestos pottery was not limited to being a provincial specialty of Northern Savo; it spread over a wide area—from the South-East to the North-West of Finland, and from the Eastern Carelia to Northern

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Scandinavia. From the large number of finds, and from percentage of asbestos, one can surmise that the center of asbestos usage was located in the same area where present-day deposits are to be found. There have been discoveries, however, in areas where the occurrence of asbestos is almost a geological impossibility. Transportation of earthenware over long distances without breakage must, at that time, have been impossible—even for guaranteed Paakkila asbestos pottery! We can imagine the asbestos merchant, our bearded Stone Age ancestor, clad in hides, and carrying with him the asbestos stone which he had dug and cleaned —"Buy good Paakkila asbestos—makes strong pottery—food boils quicker—one hundred squirrel skins or a stone axe for two handfuls".

The asbestos pottery as found in Finland is unique—nowhere else have discoveries of that kind been made. This remarkable fact is obviously not due to the people who developed the new technique, but to the specific characteristics of the fibre used. Finnish anthophyllite, which is almost void of crystal water, withstands high temperatures and preserves its strength even in temperatures to which earthenware has been subjected on open fires. Finnish anthophyllite deposits remain, even today, the largest and best known in the world, and Finnish asbestos is famous for its heat-resistance. Finska Mineral certainly has a fine tradition to maintain.

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JEFFREY ASBESTOS MINE of Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Ltd., at Asbestos, Quebec, Canada, has won first place in the Vice President's safety rating for 1959, it was announced by K. W. Huffine, Vice President for Production of Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City.

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From 1924 to 1927, Mr. Humphrey was in Sales and Industrial Engineering with the Athol Manufacturing Company in Athol, Massachusetts. In 1927, he went to General Motors in Detroit, Michigan, as an Industrial Engineer and in 1933 transferred to General Motors Plants at Warren, Ohio (Sunlite) and Dayton, Ohio (Delco) as their Factory Manager. He was Factory Manager for National Cash Register in Dayton, Ohio, from 1940 to 1945.

In 1945, he became Vice President in Charge of Manufacturing at International Telephone & Telegraph, New York City. He left there in 1947 for his own Consulting Business (Engineering) in Cincinnati, Ohio. He joined The Philip Carey Manufacturing Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1948 to become Executive Vice President and was elected President of Philip Carey in 1949, the position he presently holds.

Mr. Humphrey is a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Board of Trustees of the Community Chest and Council of Cincinnati, Ohio area and the Commercial Club of Cincinnati.

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ASBESTOS—RAW MATERIAL.

Shipments of asbestos fibre for the first two months of 1960 are running approximately 15% above the same period last year.

All grades of fibre are in ample supply, and relatively heavy inventories are being carried by all producers.

Indications are that the foreign asbestos market is very active, and as a result, the industry anticipates increased exports during 1960.

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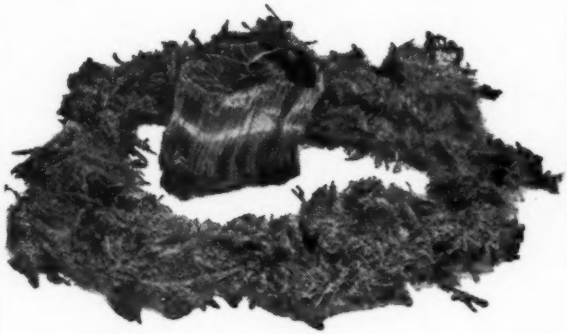

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*Asbestos Paper.* The demand for this material has increased quite a bit during the past weeks and prices are still very competitive for the business that is available. It is anticipated that the volume for this product will increase during the coming weeks. The demand for *Asbestos Millboard* has increased slightly during the past two or three weeks and prices have been somewhat the same as in the past. The volume is expected to increase slightly during the coming months. The market situation at the present time for *Asbestos Saturated Paper* is improving and the outlook for the remainder of the year is excellent.

*Asbestos Cement Products.* The market situation is seasonally slow on products used for residential and commercial construction. The outlook appears to be much the same as last year but with improvement for products used in industrial construction toward the end of the year.

*High Pressure Insulation.* Orders for this material have increased slightly during the past month. However, prices for this material are still very competitive among both contractors and manufacturers. For the balance of the year, it is anticipated that there will be a substantial increase in volume over the latter months of 1959.

*Low Pressure Insulation.* The demand for this material has fallen off considerably and prices are extremely competitive. This situation is not expected to change during the next few months.

*Asbestos Pipes.* The market situation at the present time is seasonally satisfactory and is expected to improve during the next few months.

**The above comments have been made by various informed executives in the Industry. All comments are welcome.**

# CONTRACTORS

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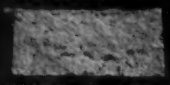
*Brand X*



| | *Carey 7M-90* | *Brand X* |
|---|---|---|
| Shrinkage (volumetric) | 33.7% | 44.3% |
| Wet Coverage (1-1 ratio) | 28.5 Bd. Ft. | 27.7 Bd. Ft. |
| Dry Coverage | 18.9 Bd. Ft. | 15.5 Bd. Ft. |

**Information and samples may be obtained from your Carey Asbestos Fibre Sales Engineer or by contacting Carey-Canadian Mines, Ltd., P. O. Box 95, Lockland, Cincinnati 15, Ohio, or Carey-Canadian Mines, Ltd., East Broughton Station, P.Q., Canada.**

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## BUILDING

Contracts for future construction in the United States (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) in January totalled $2,192,949,000, down 5% from a year ago, F. W. Dodge Corporation reported. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the Dodge Index of construction contracts in January was 235, compared with 244 in December and 231 in November. Chief factors contributing to the January drop were contined declines in housing and highways, according to Dodge.

Dr. George Cline Smith, Dodge vice president and chief economist, pointed out, however, that "the drop in housing was certainly no more than expected and highway contracts have shown little strength for the past year or so".

"At the same time", Dr. Smith added, "contracts for industrial and commercial buildings continued to score gains over year-earlier levels, and school building contracts registered their sharpest percentage increase in more than a year and a half".

Non-residential building contracts in January amounted to $801,402,000, down 2% from the same month last year. The gains in commercial, industrial, and educational building contracts were more than offset by declines in all other non-residential building types.

Contracts for residential buildings totalled $926,966,000 in January, a decrease of 9% from the comparable 1959 level. The number of dwelling units represented by the residential contracts in January totalled 72,329, down 14% from a year ago.

Heavy engineering contracts in January were valued at $464,581,000, down 3% from last year. A decline in public works contracts, caused chiefly by a 12% drop in highways, more than offset a small gain in utility contracts. The increase in utility contracts was wholly accounted for by a very sharp rise in contracts for electric light and power systems, while all other utilities were down.

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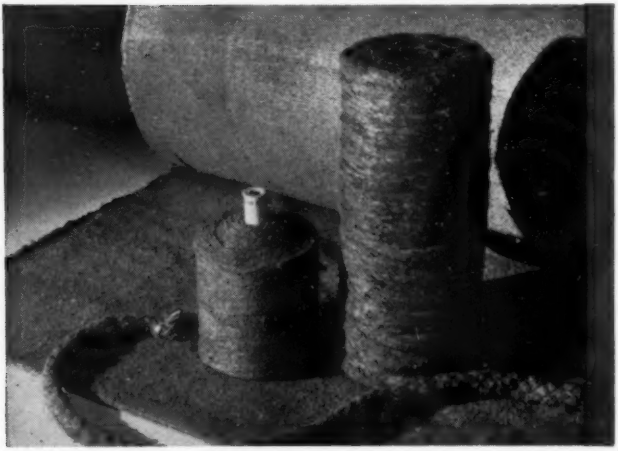

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## AUTOMOBILE SALES

| | December 1959 |
|---|---|
| Passenger Cars | 475,382 |
| Motor Trucks | 72,669 |
| Motor Coaches | 287 |
| | 548,338 |

In December 1958, a total of 709,078 motor vehicles were sold. Sales for the year 1959 amounted to 6,728,644.

These figures were supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Association, New Center Building, Detroit, Michigan.

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UNARCOBOARD, a completely new, inorganic insulating sheet material that combines lightweight and structural strength, has been announced by *Union Asbestos & Rubber Company,* Fibrous Products Division, Bloomington, Illinois.

This 100% incombustible board is available in sheets up to 4′ x 8′ in size. It can be worked like wood and can be machined, cut and drilled. For precision model making applications, it can be planed to .001 accuracy.

This white board is completely inorganic—It is composed of asbestos and other materials—and will not burn, rot, mold or sustain vermin.

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The board is available in thicknesses of 1 inch, 1½ inches, 2 inches, 2½ inches and 3 inches. Density per cubic foot ranges from 20 to 75 pounds.

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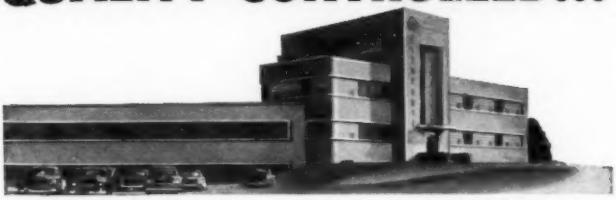

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# FLINTKOTE MINES, LIMITED

(Subsidiary of The Flintkote Company) Thetford Mines, P. Q., Canada

The CLUTE CORPORATION has just published its *Progress Report,* dated January 25, 1960.

This report is in the form of a pamphlet and contains information and illustrations on Clute's activities.

Readers interested in obtaining a copy of this pamphlet can write to Clute Corporation, 1050 Littleton Boulevard, Littleton, Colorado.

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The UNIVERSAL ASBESTOS MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for its entry in Class 1 (manufacturers' own literature) in the 1959 Trade and Technical Literature Competition organized jointly by The Royal Institute of British Architects and The Building Centre.

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The INSULATION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION of Washington, D. C., Inc. has announced that at its regular meeting, the following Officers were elected to serve during the year 1960: John Kelso Shipe, President, Asbestos Covering & Roofing Company; Walter E. Campbell, Vice President, Walter E. Campbell Company; and M. R. Murnan, Secretary-Treasurer, Heat & Frost Insulators, Inc.

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CLASSIC MINABOARD, Armstrong Cork Company's new acoustical ceiling material, features a distinctive "free-flowing" surface pattern in incombustible, lay-in units designed for installation in exposed-grid systems. The large 24″ x 48″ panel reduces installation time and cost.

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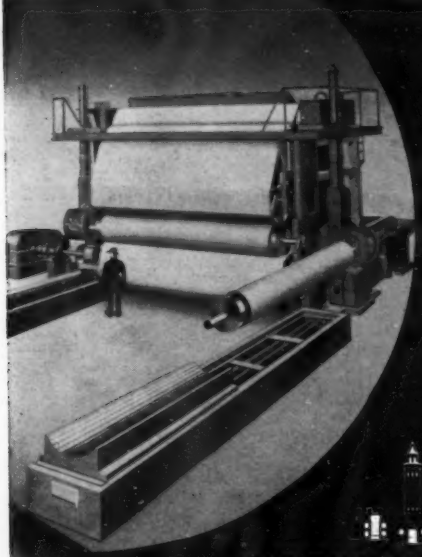

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**AFRICA (Rhodesia)**
**(Published by Rhodesia Chamber of Mines)**

*Tons 2,000 lbs.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Production for October 1959 | 12,267.35 |
| Valued at | £667,013.00 |
| Production for October 1958 | 9,970.40 |
| Valued at | £639,402.00 |

**CANADA**
**(Dept. of Mines, Province of Quebec)**

*Tons 2,000 lbs.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Production for December 1959 (Quebec) | 67,683 |
| Other Provinces | 4,365 |
| | 72,048 |

Total production for December 1958 was 63,120 tons.

**AUSTRALIA**
**(Published by Bureau of Mineral Resources)**

*Tons 2,000 lbs.*

| | Quarter Ending June 30, 1959 |
|---|---|
| *Production* | |
| Chrysotile | 367 |
| Crocidolite | 2,444 |
| | 2,811 |
| *Imports* | |
| Amosite | 2,516 |
| Chrysotile | 3,401 |
| Crocidolite | 204 |
| Other | 329 |
| | 6,450 |
| *Exports* | |
| Chrysotile | 139 |
| Crocidolite | 6,049 |
| Other | 28 |
| | 6,216 |

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## CYPRUS

**(From Inspector of Mines)**

| | 4th Quarter (Ending December 31, 1959) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | October | November | December |
| Rock Mined | 131,169.00 | 64,294.00 | .. |
| Rock Treated | 82,948.00 | 63,438.00 | 51.00 |
| Fibre Produced | 1,963.50 | 1,370.25 | 114.10 |
| Fibre Exported | 1,600.00 | 3,850.00 | 161.00 |

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## THE AUSTRALIAN MINERAL INDUSTRY

Australian production and consumption of asbestos continued their upward trend and were at a record level in 1958; exports decreased by about 8%, but imports were the second highest on record.

| *Short tons* | Year 1958 |
|---|---|
| Australian production | 15,568 |
| Exports | 10,365 |
| Imports | 38,888 |
| Apparent consumption | 44,091 |

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## NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY

**Annual Report**

Record sales and earnings for 1959 were reported by National Gypsum Company.

Net income rose to an all-time record of $25,562,000 or $4.56 a share on 5,503,013 common shares outstanding. This was an increase of 31% over the Company's 1958 net income of $19,488,000 or $3.46 a share on the same number of shares.

Sales of $226,278,000 exceeded the previous record of $200,211,000 set in 1958 by 13%.

The 1958 figures are adjusted to reflect sales and earnings of cement and tile companies acquired in 1959 by National Gypsum.

The Company's assets increased $58,984,000 last year to a record $250,933,000. National Gypsum's 1959 capital expenditures totaled $27,448,000.

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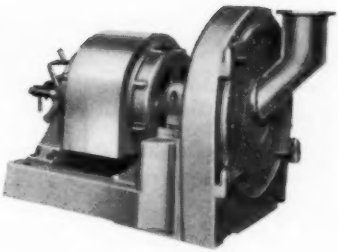
PHILIP CAREY MANUFACTURING COMPANY has moved the headquarters of their Insulation Division from Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, to their General Offices in Cincinnati, Ohio. This division is headed by **Paul D. Japp,** Vice President, with **Don L. Bigelow** as Sales Manager and **Robert J. Littin** as Assistant Sales Manager .

Bauer



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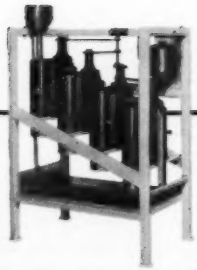

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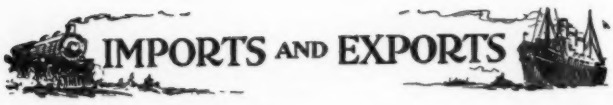


## Imports Into U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

*Unmanufactured Asbestos:*

| | | October 1959 Tons (2,240 lbs.) |
|---|---|---|
| From: | Canada | 49,606 |
| | Union of South Africa | 2,078 |
| | Yugoslavia | 787 |
| | Rhodesia (Ny) | 616 |
| | Other Countries | 63 |
| | | 53,150 |
| | *Valued at:* | $5,037,292 |

*By Grades:*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crude, | No. 1, | Chrysotile | 3 |
| Crude, | Other, | Chrysotile, Yugoslavia | 787 |
| Crude, | Other, | Chrysotile, Rhod (Ny) | 616 |
| Crude, | Other, | Chrysotile, Other Countries | 39 |
| Crude, | Blue, | Union of South Africa | 703 |
| Crude, | Amosite, | Union of South Africa | 1,196 |
| Textile | Fiber, | Chrysotile, Canada | 1,039 |
| Textile | Fiber, | Chrysotile, Other Countries | 13 |
| Shingle | Fiber, | Chrysotile, Canada | 6,063 |
| Shingle | Fiber, | Chrysotile, Union of S. Africa | 179 |
| Paper | Fiber, | Chrysotile, Canada | 4,011 |
| Paper | Fiber, | Chrysotile, Other Countries | 8 |
| Other | Fibers, | Chrysotile, Canada | 38,493 |
| | | | 53,150 |

*Manufactured Asbestos Goods:*

| | October 1959 Quantity (lbs.) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| Asbestos Yarn, United Kingdom | 19,279 | $ 14,272 |
| Israel | 25,126 | 10,926 |
| Other Countries | 4,838 | 9,100 |
| Asbestos Packing | 23,610 | 5,855 |
| Asbestos Shingles (Impreg) | | |
| Belgium | 294,057 | 37,829 |
| Other Countries | 94,882 | 4,838 |
| Asbestos Shingles (Not Impreg) | | |
| Canada | 252,978 | 18,475 |
| Belgium | 3,346,964 | 263,842 |
| Italy | 2,600,803 | 104,189 |
| Other Countries | 25,962 | 817 |
| Asbestos Manufactures — Others | .. | 9,731 |
| | 6,688,499 | $479,874 |

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## Exports From U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

*Unmanufactured Asbestos:*

| | November 1959 Tons (2,240 lbs.) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| To: Europe | 353 | $ 88,551 |
| Mexico | 94 | 12,517 |
| Canada | 34 | 12,096 |
| United Kingdom | 22 | 2,350 |
| Other Countries | 46 | 11,762 |
| | 549 | $ 127,276 |

*Manufactured Asbestos Goods:*

| | | November 1959 Quantity | Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| Asbestos Cement & Pipe Coverings | Lbs. | 418,579 | $ 109,740 |
| Asbestos Textiles & Yarns | Lbs. | 42,838 | 49,481 |
| Asbestos Packing | Lbs. | 122,167 | 146,382 |
| Asbestos Clutch Facing | No. | 131,417 | 104,566 |
| Asbestos Bk.Lng.(Mld.&S.Mld.) | Lin. Ft. | 164,171 | 80,146 |
| Asbestos Brake Lining, Other | Lbs. | 408,220 | 333,923 |
| Asbestos Construction Materials | Lbs. | 1,262,553 | 146,247 |
| Asbestos Manufactures—Others | | .. | 68,676 |
| | | | $1,039,161 |

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### IMPORTS OF ASBESTOS BY UNITED KINGDOM

*Raw Materials*
*Tons 2,240 lbs.*

| | December 1959 |
|---|---|
| From: Union of South Africa | 1,512 |
| Basutoland, Bechuanaland & Swaziland | 809 |
| Rhodesia & Nyasaland | 2,814 |
| Canada | 7,926 |
| Other Commonwealth Countries and Irish Republic | 138 |
| Foreign Countries | 158 |
| | 13,357 |

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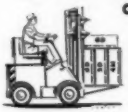

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## Exports From Canada

**(Published by Dominion Bureau of Statistics)**

| *Unmanufactured Asbestos:* | September 1959 Tons (2000 lbs.) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| *Crude* | | |
| United States | .. | $ .. |
| United Kingdom | 30 | 34,650 |
| South America | .. | .. |
| Central America & Mexico | .. | .. |
| European Countries | 2 | 1,862 |
| Other Countries | .. | .. |
| | 32 | $ 36,512 |
| *Milled* | | |
| United States | 14,946 | $ 3,000,118 |
| United Kingdom | 2,998 | 676,094 |
| South America | 4,054 | 745,305 |
| Central America & Mexico | 303 | 51,323 |
| European Countries | 13,754 | 2,660,524 |
| Other Countries | 5,285 | 859,033 |
| | 41,367 | $ 7,992,397 |
| *Shorts* | | |
| United States | 41,871 | $ 2,081,659 |
| United Kingdom | 3,812 | 194,736 |
| South America | 548 | 36,648 |
| Central America & Mexico | 135 | 8,577 |
| European Countries | 6,345 | 347,290 |
| Other Countries | 1,616 | 122,347 |
| | 54,327 | $ 2,791,257 |
| *Grand Total— Unmanufactured Asbestos:* | 95,726 | $10,820,166 |
| *Manufactured Asbestos Goods:* | | |
| Brake Lining | | $ 33,493 |
| Packing | | .. |
| Other Materials | | 101,033 |
| | | $ 134,526 |

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**DeWitt W. Keach** has been named Personnel Manager for all its Ambler locations by KEASBEY & MATTISON COMPANY, manufacturers of asbestos, asphalt, and heat insulating products. A veteran of World War II, he holds a B.S. degree from Yale University.

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## Exports From Canada

**(Published by Dominion Bureau of Statistics)**

| *Unmanufactured Asbestos:* | October 1959 | |
|---|---|---|
| | Tons (2,000 lbs.) | Value |
| *Crude* | | |
| United States | 3 | $ 2,250 |
| United Kingdom | 30 | 33,000 |
| South America | .. | .. |
| Central America & Mexico | .. | .. |
| European Countries | 1 | 698 |
| Other Countries | 1 | 1,725 |
| | 35 | $ 37,673 |
| *Milled* | | |
| United States | 11,425 | $ 2,220,803 |
| United Kingdom | 3,306 | 678,924 |
| South America | 4,018 | 733,093 |
| Central America & Mexico | 864 | 150,360 |
| European Countries | 13,552 | 2,512,172 |
| Other Countries | 4,769 | 781,312 |
| | 37,934 | $ 7,076,664 |
| *Shorts* | | |
| United States | 41,150 | $ 2,108,023 |
| United Kingdom | 3,013 | 158,345 |
| South America | 764 | 53,919 |
| Central America & Mexico | 122 | 10,393 |
| European Countries | 8,034 | 444,190 |
| Other Countries | 1,708 | 138,193 |
| | 54,791 | $ 2,913,063 |
| *Grand Total— Unmanufactured Asbestos:* | 92,760 | $10,027,400 |
| *Manufactured Asbestos Goods:* | | |
| Brake Lining | | $ 23,302 |
| Packing | | .. |
| Other Materials | | 13,448 |
| | | $ 36,750 |


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## THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY

**Annual Report**

The Flintkote Company reported 1959 sales rose to a record high at $221,075,187 for an increase of 13.9% from 1958 volume of $194,071,638, while earnings increased 17% to the second best level in the Company's history.

In its annual report to shareholders, the Company listed 1959 earnings at $14,285,578, equal after prefered dividend requirements to $2.61 per share on an average of 5,042,900 common shares outstanding. These earnings, exceeded on a pooled basis only in 1956, compared with $12,230,165, or $2.24 per share on 4,950,146 average common shares outstanding in 1958.

I. J. Harvey, Jr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, pointed out that 1959 represented another year of growth for the Company with its program of expansion and diversification being "greatly implemented by three desirable corporate acquisitions". These were the Blue Diamond Corporation, Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, and the Calaveras Cement Company.

The December 31, 1959, balance sheet showed total assets of $178,986,363 compared with $166,696,859 a year earlier. Total current assets on December 31 last were $68,209,440 against $26,302,730 in total current liabilities.

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# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William A. Sussman, Vice President & Secretary, The Sussman Asbestos Company, Toledo, Ohio, March 8.
William A. Kamke, Vice President & Treasurer, The Sussman Asbestos Company, Toledo, Ohio, March 14.
John H. Balch, Executive Vice President, Union Asbestos & Rubber Company, Chicago, Illinois, March 22.
Grady B. Gulledge, Director and General Manager, Apache Asbestos Mines, Inc., and, Owner and Manager, Pine Top Asbestos Mines, Globe, Arizona, March 23.
George Barge, Chief Financial Officer, Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pennsylvania, March 27.
A. R. Fisher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City, March 27.
J. T. Griffis, Vice President, Southern Asbestos Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 28.
J. A. O'Brien, Vice President, Johns-Manville Corporation, New York City, March 28.
Lord Elton, Director, The Cape Asbestos Company, London, England, March 29.
F. V. S. Smith, Director & Secretary, Hodgson & Hodgson, Ltd., Carrington, Nottingham, England, March 29.
W. C. Bowman, District Manager, The Philip Carey Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 30.
Rene A. Cooper, Vice President, Inland Insulation Company, Chicago, Illinois, April 1.
George Kanzler, President, Smith & Kanzler Corporation, Elizabeth, New Jersey, April 4.
Herbert D. Harris, Asbestos Corporation of America, New York City, April 12.
J. M. Weaver, formerly of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Manheim, Pennsylvania, April 14.

To all these gentlemen we extend congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of their birthdays.

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### ARMSTRONG CORK COMPANY
**Annual Report**

Armstrong Cork Company reported net earnings for 1959 of $19,207,000 and sales of $290,620,000, highest for each in history.

Earnings increased 41% over the 1958 figure of $13,607,000. Sales were up 16% over the previous year's $249,859,000.

Earnings per share were reported at $3.69 for last year as compared with $2.60 for 1958.

THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY announced the election of the following men as Vice Presidents. All are operating heads of Flintkote divisions.

**W. L. Davis,** a Flintkote Director, is President of Hankins Container Division, acquired by Flintkote in December 1958.

**Kennedy Ellsworth,** General Manager of U. S. Lime Products Division, acquired in September 1956.

**Wm. Wallace Mein, Jr.,** President of Calaveras Cement Division, acquired in September 1959.

**Noel J. Redmond,** a Flintkote Director, is President of Blue Diamond Division, a West Coast gypsum producer, acquired in May 1959.

**H. J. Robertson,** a Flintkote Director, is President of Orangeburg Manufacturing Division, acquired in December 1958.

I. J. Harvey, Jr., Flintkote's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said "our long-range company expansion and diversification program calls for continuous preparation of staff as well as products and services and with this in mind we are bringing to the top executive management of Flintkote those persons who have been long and successfully identified with the operations of their respective divisions".


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| Group-4 (Plastic & Filtration) | 190.00 to | 250.00 |
| Group-5 (Plastic & Moulding) | 125.00 to | 177.00 |
| Group-7 (Refuse & Shorts) | 60.00 to | 100.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Group No. 1 (Crude No. 1) | $1,410.00 to | $1,475.00 |
| Group No. 2 (Crude No. 2); Crude Run-of-Mine and Sundry | 610.00 to | 875.00 |
| Group No. 3 (Spinning Fibre) | 350.00 to | 650.00 |
| Group No. 4 (Shingle Fibre) | 180.00 to | 245.00 |
| Group No. 5 (Paper) | 120.00 to | 150.00 |
| Group No. 6 (Waste, Stucco or Plaster) | .. | 86.00 |
| Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts) | 40.00 to | 80.00 |

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| Group No. 3 (Spinning & Filtering) | $ 353.00 to | $ 440.00 |
| Group No. 4 (Shingle Fibre) | 181.00 to | 218.00 |
| Group No. 5 (Paper Fibre) | 120.00 to | 142.00 |
| Group No. 6 (Waste, Stucco or Plaster) | .. | 86.00 |
| Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts) | 41.00 to | 75.00 |

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**Ralph L. Tucker** has been appointed Manager of Tile Flooring Products, a new position created with THE RUBEROID CO.'s recent entry into the resilient floor covering field.

Mr. Tucker was previously associated with Ruberoid's Mastic Tile division which now conducts the business of the former Mastic Tile Corporation of America acquired by Ruberoid in September of 1959.

Ruberoid has undertaken distribution through regular building materials channels of floor tile products under its own brand name manufactured by its Mastic Tile division.


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**Laurens C. van Dyck** has been appointed Sales Manager of GREENE, TWEED & CO., North Wales, Pennsylvania, manufacturer of Palmetto® packings.

Formerly district sales representative covering the Michigan and Western Ohio area, Mr. van Dyck's 25 years of diversified experience in the packings industry includes a broad, extensive background in statistical quality control, cost control and analysis, production management and technical sales service.

In his new assignment, Mr. van Dyck will direct and coordinate sales operations both in the home office and in the field. He will be responsible for the sales of gasketing and gasket products; molded, self-lubricating, fabric, foil, plastic and filament packings.

The Company said that the appointment was "another forward step in a continuing national expansion of the sales and customer service activities of the firm."

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## ASBESTOS STOCK QUOTATIONS

(These figures are compiled from the Commercial & Financial Chronicle. No guarantee as to their correctness.)

| | | February 1960 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Par | Low | High | Last |
| American Brake Shoe | np | 48¼ | 50⅜ | 50⅛ |
| Armstrong Cork (Com) | 1 | 39½ | 44⅝ | 43¾ |
| Armstrong Cork (Pfd) | np | 75½ | 78¼ | 77 |
| Asbestos Corporation | np | 20¾ | 25 | 21⅜ |
| Philip Carey | 10 | 30½ | 35⅜ | 34¼ |
| Cassiar Asbestos Corp. | np | 12¾ | 13¾ | 13 |
| Celotex (Com) | 1 | 32¼ | 34½ | 33⅝ |
| Celotex (Pfd) | 20 | 17⅞ | 19 | 18 |
| Certain-Teed | 1 | 12⅞ | 13⅝ | 13¼ |
| Fibreboard | np | 42½ | 45¾ | 43¾ |
| Flintkote (Com) | 5 | 33½ | 35⅞ | 35⅝ |
| Flintkote (Pfd) | np | 81¼ | 84 | 83 |
| Johns-Manville | 5 | 45⅜ | 50½ | 50½ |
| National Gypsum(Com) | 1 | 51½ | 56¼ | 55⅞ |
| National Gypsum (Pfd) | np | 89⅜ | 91½ | 91 |
| Porter, H. K. | 100 | 92 | 93⅜ | 93 |
| Raybestos-Manhattan | np | 64¼ | 68¼ | 67¾ |
| Ruberoid | 1 | 39¾ | 41 | 40 |
| Unarco | 5 | 9½ | 11⅝ | 11½ |
| United Asbestos | 1 | $4.05 | $4.40 | $4.05 |
| U. S. Gypsum (Com) | 4 | 86½ | 94½ | 92¾ |
| U. S. Gypsum (Pfd) | 100 | 149 | 151 | 151 |
| U. S. Rubber (Com) | 5 | 54 | 58⅞ | 56¼ |
| U. S. Rubber (Pfd) | 100 | 144½ | 149¾ | 146½ |

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**Annual Report**

Johns-Manville sales and earnings set new high records in 1959, A. R. Fisher, Chairman, announced in issuing the audited figures for the year.

Net earnings in 1959 were $31,616,000 or $3.74 per share of common stock on an average of 8,451,462 shares outstanding. In 1959 earnings were $23,374,000 or $2.83 per share on an average of 8,255,177 shares.

Sales were $377,562,000 in 1959, compared with $331,743,000 in 1958.

According to Mr. Fisher, "These records were achieved despite the adverse effects of long strikes at two of our plants and the general slowing down of the national economy caused by the prolonged strike in the steel industry. Our fiber glass business grew rapidly during 1959 and contributed substantially to earnings and sales. We continued our program of diversification and expansion with the acquisition of a perlite business".

Before taxes of all kinds, J-M earnings in 1959 were $62,754,000, which was $14,684,000 more than in 1958.

Depreciation and depletion in 1959 were $16,783,000, an increase of $1,002,000 as compared to 1958.

Expenditures for additions to and improvements and replacements of J-M properties amounted to $17,083,000 in 1959, compared with $12,514,000 in 1958.

It is anticipated that capital expenditures in 1960 will amount to approximately $35,000,000.

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**Daniel Shichman** has been appointed Manager of Fiber Engineering Research at UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY'S Research Center in Wayne, New Jersey, it was announced by Dr. L. M. White, Director of Research and Development.

In his new position Mr. Shichman will head the department that specialized in the engineering of new textile processes for elastic and other types of fibers, filaments and fabrics.

Mr. Shichman succeeds **Boutwell H. Foster,** who has retired after 42 years with the Company.


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**Royal F. Power** has been promoted to Manager of NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY'S Garwood, New Jersey, Sales District, it was announced by President Fred A. Manske.

Mr. Power succeeds John P. Hayes who has been promoted to Midwest Division Manager for National Gypsum.

The new Garwood Manager joined National Gypsum in 1945 as a general line salesman in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1955 he was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Garwood District.

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**John P. Hayes** has been promoted to Manager of NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY'S Midwest Sales Division, it was announced by President Fred A. Manske.

Mr. Hayes, whose headquarters will be in Chicago, Illinois, succeeds Jay P. Nicely who recently was promoted to Dealer Sales Manager at National Gypsum's Buffalo, Indiana, headquarters.

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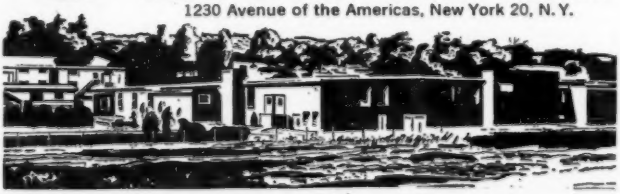

**TURNER & NEWALL LIMITED**
**Annual Report**

The Fortieth Annual Report and Accounts of Turner & Newall Limited for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1959, has been received; the annual general meeting having been held on January 21, 1960.

Net profit for the year after taxation was £6,894,925.

In the Chairman's Statement in 1958, reference was made to a curtailed demand in the world market for raw asbestos, which had caused Turner & Newall's mining organization in Africa to reduce its rate of production. This lessened activity did, as was foreshadowed, have an adverse influence upon profits earned and the effect was accentuated by more particularly reduced sales of the high grade fibres used in the textile section of the Asbestos Industry. However, with the exception of those fibres, the market for raw asbestos has now substantially recovered, and resumption of the normal rate of production took place on July 1st, 1959.

In the case of its Canadian mining company, Bell Asbestos Mines Limited, the restraining factors described in relation to its African mining activities have applied in a much smaller degree. Hence, this Company has experienced a very satisfactory year, operating at a high level of output. The lessened demand reported last year showed a significant recovery in the second half of the financial year now under review and, subject to a note of caution in relation to the textile grades of fibre, there is no reason why mining operations in Canada should not continue at a high and profitable level.

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**P. E. Gargrave** has been appointed as an additional representative to the London area, by the U. A. M. GROUP. As of March 14th, 1960, Mr. Gargrave will take over the London SouthWest and West postal districts. Apart from Universal asbestos-cement products, he will also handle Union pitch fibre pipes and Unilux translucent sheeting.


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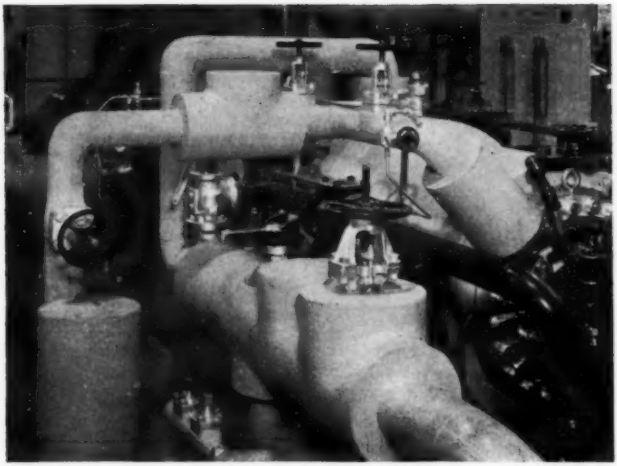

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**Recovery of Raw Asbestos.** By Roland Starkey. (Reprint) 6 pages. Supplement to Milling Asbestos. 25c per copy.

**Canadian Chrysotile Asbestos Classification.** Including latest Quebec Testing Method. January 1, 1949 Edition. 4 pages 25c per copy.

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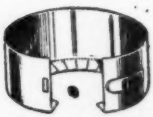

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**Abstracts of U. S. Patents on Asbestos and Asbestos Products by Oliver S. North.**

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**Surface Covering Unit,** No. 2,916,908. Granted on December 15, 1959 to J. L. Felder. An improved joint sealing composition for insertion between bricks or blocks during the building of walls or the like comprises optimum proportions of loose and substantially meshed asbestos fibre or other fibrous material, and talc, silica, or hydrated lime, along with aluminum stearate or other temporary lubricant. This compound is permanently non-brittle and requires no water when used.

**Pipe Machining Tool,** No. 2,916,955. Granted on December 15, 1959 to J. B. Gill. Design for an improved tool for use in the machining of tapered or cylindrical finishes on the ends of asbestos-cement pipes.

**Felted Products and Processes Containing Fibrous Boehmite,** No. 2,917,426. Granted on December 15, 1959 to J. Bugosh (assigned to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Delaware). In the manufacture of inorganic papers and textiles based on use of fibrous alumina monohydrate, or boehmite, as the binder, materials highly resistant to tearing can be made from mixtures of boehmite and No. 2 chrysotile asbestos fibre, mineral wool, glass fibre, or the like.

**Composite Mica Paper, Mica Flake Electrical Insulating Material,** No. 2,917,570. Granted on December 15, 1959 to G. M. Wolff and C. D. Richardson (assigned to General Electric Company, a corporation of New York). In the manufacture of improved electrical insulating sheet or tape, various combinations of mica paper and mica flakes are made into layered materials having asbestos fibre or other fibrous reinforcement on one or both of the outer surfaces.

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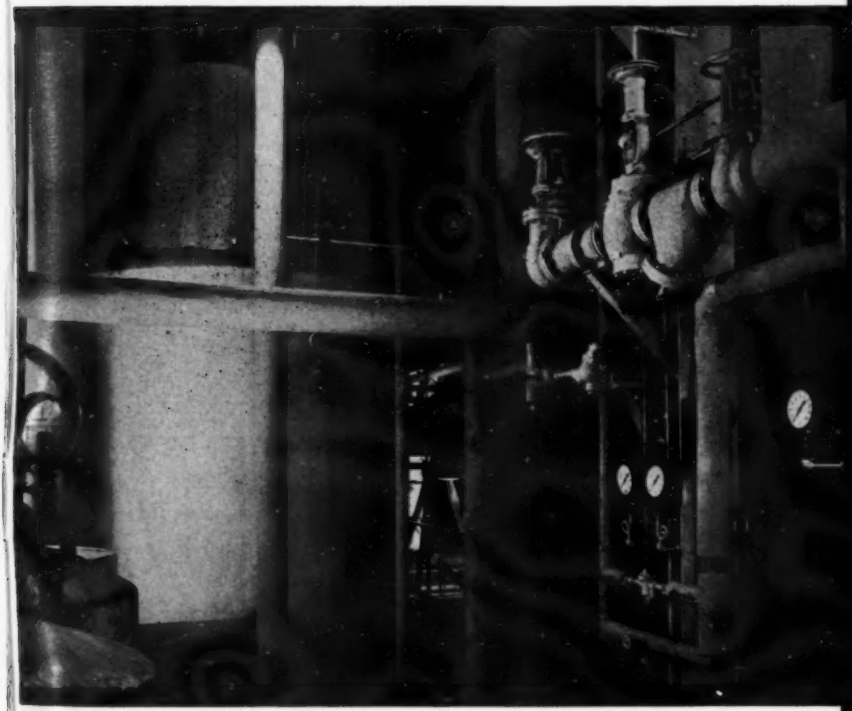

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